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OLD ERIE FERRYBOAT SUNK

THUMP FROM A COAL BARGE SMASHED IN PATERSON'S SIDE.

All the Men on Board Save One Scramble on Barge-Adolphus Baker, an Oiler, Missing and Put Down as Lost -Milk Wagon and Meat Wagon Horses Drowned.

The Erie ferryboat Paterson, a single decked sidewheeler, well on in her twen-5:15 A.M. trip from Jersey City to Twentythird street, New York, and had on board besides the crew of seven a dozen passengers, all men, and five trucks. Capt, George S. Funston of the Paterson says that although there was a slight haze on the river the lights on both shores, were plainly visible.

When the ferryboat was nearing the middle of the river opposite Christopher street in New York a tug loomed up to the north. She was headed down stream and coming directly for the ferryboat. According to Capt. Funston the tug carried three staff lights, indicating that she had a tow astern. Capt. Funston blew one whistle to signify that he intended to keep to the right. It was the duty of the tug's pilot, Capt. Funston says, to shape his course. accordingly, but he kept straight on, although the Paterson repeated the signal three times.

It was all over in a moment. The heavy barge which the tug had lashed alongside instead of at the end of a line astern struck the ferryboat on her port side just forward of the paddlewheel, breaking through the guards and smashing the hull of the Paterson in a way that told even the most inexperienced that she was done for. Almost immediately the ferryboat began to sink and the engine room force came running on deck.

The ferryboat's paddlewheels were still turning slowly and the captain put his wheel over so as to swing his disabled boat alongside the barge. The crew responded to the captain's orders and made fast. It took only a moment for the passengers and crew to jump from the Paterson to the barge. There was not time, however, to call the roll, for the Paterson's decks were already awash and the struggles of the frightened horses made it doubly dangerous to linger. Capt. Funston be lieved that every one was safe and gave the order to cast off. The Paterson went down almost at once and now lies in about forty-five feet of water, with the top of her smokestack just showing, a little to the east of the main channel. She is a menace to navigation and is being guarded by a police boat and a boat of the steamboat

Before Capt. Funston left the pilot house he had repeatedly blown the distress signal and in answer the tug John Smith of the D. L. and W. line came alongside and took D. L. and W. line came alongside and took off the passengers and crew of the Paterson. It was only when the castaways were landed in Jersey City that it was discovered that an oiler, Adolphus Baker of 825 Communipaw avenue, Jersey City Heights, was missing. The engineer of the Paterson was sure that Baker had come up from the engine room ahead of him, but Capt. Funaton does not remember seeing him. Funston does not remember seeing him, and after finding late in the evening that Baker had not returned home the officers of the company admitted that it was probable that Baker had gone down with the Wrecking tugs have been set to work on the sunken vessel and it will soon be known if Baker perished in his engine The horses on board were drowned

when the Paterson sank.

After the collision the tug went her way.

She is the Joshua Lovett of the Commercial Towboat Company and was bound for Boston with the barge Flora of the Eastern Coal Company. It was said yesterday at the offices of the Steamboat Inspectors that no idea of who was to blame could be med until the captain of the Lovett it in his report, as he is bound by law to It was intimated that there would be an investigation and that some one might have his license revoked or suspended.

Passengers on the morning ferryboats looked curiously at the débris which had at about \$1,200.

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Holiday Goods of every description. There are also splendid bargains in Furniture, Beds and Bedding, Curtains, Rugs, Carpets, Housefurnishings and China.

It is impossible at this writing to give details, but we assure all who will come here to-morrow of the opportunity of securing, in the lines enumerated, the biggest bargains of the entire year-in fact, every department on every floor in these two immense stores will contribute to this great event.

washed from the cabin of the Paterson washed from the cabin of the Paterson and was strewn about the river. They were especially edified by the sight of a number of life preservers which floated. The horses that were drowned belonged to the Swift Packing Company, the Borden Milk Company and the Briarcliff Dairy Company.

Passengers on the Frie boat Susquehanna which made the 2:45 trip in the afternoon from Jersey City to Chambers street, had a bit of a scare when the steering gear went wrong just after the boat had left her slip. She drifted with the tide up river and swung around in a circle while all the other craft dodged. Things finally straightened out when the tried the wheel at the other end of the boat This worked all right and the Susquehanna went on her way-other end to, but doing

Heir of Mrs. Todd Dies in Nice-Widov of the Publisher.

announcement of the death of Mrs Rosalie Tousey Hastings, the daughter and heir of Mrs. Margaretta Todd, who was found dead on the Reading tracks near Philadelphia, October 27, 1905, came vesterday in a cable despatch to Maurice Meyer, counsel for her nephew, Milton Berolzheim, Mrs. Hastings died at Nice, on Friday

She was the widow of Frank Tousey, the publisher, when she married George Gordon Hastings just before going abroad.

Mr. Hastings was the counsel for Mrs. Tousey when the latter tried to clear up the mystery of her aged mother's death and contested the will by which Mrs. Tousey received only a life interest in Mrs. Todd's estate. Mrs. Todd was the owner of the Von Hoffman apartment house in West Twenty-sixth street and had her home there when the died

Surrogate Fitzgerald in July last held that surrogate Fitzgerald in July last held that the will was valid and the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court affirmed his decision last Friday. Mrs. Hastings was joined in the contest by Milton Berolzheim of this city, the object being to oust Ingersoll Lockwood, Mrs. Todd's lawyer, as executor. Both contestants set up that there was a later will. The property now reverts to Milton Berolzheim and to Mrs. Todd's sister. Rebecca Nushaum Stonehill Todd's sister, Rebecca Nusbaum Stonehill of Chicago, and the latter's three children, Edward, Carl and Jennie Nusbaum.

WEEK'S HUNT FOR A THIEF.

Jewelry Salesman Picks Out Man in Cour Who'd Been Caught in Stuss Raid.

Henry Goldberg, 36 years old, of 875 East 138th street, travelling salesman for a jewelry house, reported to the police a week ago that his pocket had been picked on December 21 and that \$2,400 worth of diamonds had been stolen.

Goldberg said that in company with his wife he was about to board an express train on the Third avenue elevated at the City Hall station when he was rudely jostled by four young men. Soon he missed the jewelry, which, he says, was in the hip pocket of his trousers.

At Police Headquarters on Friday Goldberg was told to report the case at the Eldridge street police station. Detectives Nelson M. Hart and James Cooke took him around to most of the crooks' hangouts in the neighborhood without finding the

The salesman was in the Essex Market police court yesterday morning looking over a bunch of crooks brought down by eadquarters men.
"There's one of them," he exclaimed,

pointing to a man who had been arrested in a raid on a stuss game. The man indi-cated was David Fleischer, 27 years old, a cigarmaker of 15s South Second street, Brooklyn. Mrs. Goldberg also identified

Magistrate Walsh held the accused in \$3,000 bail for examination on January 2.

George C. Lord's House Robbed The residence of George C. Lord, on the waterfront at Clifton, Staten Island, was entered some time Friday night by burglars, who carried off silverware valued

HELEN GATES HAD TO SKATE

AND AGAIN COMES A CROPPER AT THE BAR OF JUSTICE.

Left Home and Baby and Found a Landlord Who Objects to His Things Being Pawned-Home Again, Singing, Only

The red ball was up yesterday for Mrs Helen Gates, the twenty-four-year-old "Skater Cirl," who skated into fame about two years ago when she paid for meats and groceries up and down the West Side with several artificial checks. This time Mrs. Helec rented a furnished room from MRS. TOUSEY HASTINGS'S DEATH. Max Honig, a laundryman at 847 Tenth avenue, and after occupying the room two days went away from there with clothing and jewelry that Max says he paid about

When Helen was arrested two years ago because of the checks she was gathered in on the skating pond at Van Cortlandt Park while doing some artistic figure eight scrolls to loud applause. Skating figures in her present troubles also. The neighbors and her janitress, a Mrs. Brice, said yesterday that the reason Helen left her husband and two-year-old baby at her home at 541 West Fifty-seventh street and rented the furnished room from the Tenth avenue laundryman was because her husband had put his foot down on Helen's taking part in a rolling skating contest of some sort in Harlem about two weeks ago.

The girl picked up a few belongings, then kissed the baby good-by and went off to the Harlem skating racket. The next morning she came to the laundryman with a character recommendation and rented a room. A door connected her room and the one occupied by the laundryman and his wife. Helen admitted yesterday that she got into Honig's room, took what she wanted and pawned the loot.

This was two weeks ago. Shortly after she had pawned the goods Helen went up to her old home in Nyack to visit her mother and in the meantime her husband, Hugo Gates (the tenants say the real name is Gettz, but that Helen had it changed because Gettz was "too German") and Mrs. Brice, the janitress, looked after the baby at the flat at 541 West Fifty-seventh street. A constant visitor, also, since Max Honig complained of being robbed, has been Detective Reid of the West Forty-seventh street police station.

On Friday afternoon Reid was sitting talking to Mrs. Brice when the skater girl wandered in singing cheerily. She told Reid she simply couldn't think of being arrested without dressing up a bit, and so while the detective buried his face in a newspaper Helen bent on entire new rigging from sole leather up to her molasses candy hair in a sort of alcove that opened into the room where Reid was sitting. She continued to sing the same merry song while the prinking up continued.

Yesterday morning Helen appeared before Magistrate Cornell in the West Side court to face her accuser, Max Honig. Helen said she had taken the things and had pawned them, but that if Max would only give her a little time she would pay it all back. There were more articles missing, however, than Helen's pawntickets could account for, and so Max asked the Magistrate for a continuance while the where-abouts of a changeable silk gown was being looked up. Magistrate Cornell placed the girl under \$1,000 bail for an examination this morning, and as Helen could not get a bondsman she spent the day and night in one of the cells back of the court.

Some of the neighbors said yesterday that Helen has boasted often of the name she got two years ago. After the phony checks began to come back to shopkeepers in the wood alcohol belt marked "no funds she acquired the nickname in the neigh-borhood of "Mrs. Cassie Chadwick, Jr." At that time she asserted that she was

innocent and that bold, bad men had worked upon her youth and innocence to get rid of their bad paper. She was acquitted by Justice Newburger.

After her arrest on Friday Detective Reid took Helen down to Headquarters and yesterday she was lined up before the morning roundup of sleuths.

"Cassie Chadwick, Jr.," exclaimed Inspector McLaughlin and some of the hawkshaws took up the chorus. Then there was a long heart to heart talk with the inspector, in which Helen said she had just come back to town and meant to be

SUDDEN END TO ONE PAPER.

SCIENTISTS WOULD HEAR NO MORE OF MR. WREN'S THEORY

That Human Greatness Is Due to a Current From the Earth Passing Through the Sense, that of Direction, in Rats. just come back to town and meant to be good if folks would only let her.
"She's a walkin' divil that means well,"

was Mrs. Brice's opinion yesterday, "and if I'd 'a' knowed she was comin' in the door on Fridah that big detective would not have got her. I'd uv given her the

WANT COURTS KEPT OPEN: Bill That Would Interfere With the Law Practice of Magistrates.

The committee on legislation of Brooklyn League has drafted a bill which is to be presented to the Legislature as soon as it convenes amending the Charter of Greater New York so far as it applies to | are two characteristics of the people of the the police courts. This bill will make it mandatory for Magistrates to sit in the police courts of the Greater City from 9 o'clock in the morning until 4 o'clock in the afternoon on every day, excepting Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. But in the district comprising Coney Island, the court is to remain open, and the Magistrate to be in attendance every day, including Saturdays, Sundays and holidays during the months of June, July, August

This action by the Brooklyn League committee on legislation was brought about by the agitation recently started by the grievance committee of the Brooklyn Bar Association, which had been investigating the police courts. It was found that it was only on rare occasions that Magistrates appeared in their courts during the afternoons, and that much time which should be devoted to police court work by the Magistrates was in reality spent in attending to the practice of law.

HIGH PRICED ELECTRIC LIGHT. Comptroller Says the City Has Been "Systematically Robbed." It is understood that the evidence which

enabled the Armour Packing Company to bring suit against the Edison Electric Lighting Company of Brooklyn to recover the difference charged the Armour company for service and that charged other consumers, was mainly obtained by the Comptroller's office. The suit was intended as a test case, and if the decision handed down by the Appellate Division in Brooklyn is upheld by the Court of Appeals the Corporation Counsel will sue the Edison company to recover nearly \$4,000,000 as overcharge to the city in the last six years.

Mr. Metz said yesterday that when he came into office he was convinced that the was being charged more for electric t service than private concerns were called upon to pay. After some delay he succeeded in getting the Civil Service Commission to sanction the employment of a lighting expert to investigate. The Comptroller appointed Walter R. Kimball, who some time ago submitted proof that the city was being discriminated against.

"The evidence we have in our possession,
Mr. Metz said yesterday, "proves conclusively that the city has been systematically
robbed. We have found many cases when private consumers are paying a third les for service than is charged the city."

Carnegie Gets Jersey Auto License. ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 29.-Because he is going to take a trip in his automobile to East Orange on New Year's Day Andrew Carnegie has taken out a New Jersey automobile license for his car and his chauffeur. A messenger from New York paid the necessary \$4 yesterday. It is said that the former steel magnate intends taking a trip by automobile to Princeton shortly to inspect the lake which he recently gave to the university.

The first real excitement at the meeting of the American Associationf or the Advancement of Science came yesterday when the section in anthropology squelched a paper of which the chairman did not approve. Christopher Wren, a tall, gray haired man, was down on the programme for a paper on "A Characteristic of the Most Masterful Nations." When his paper was called for he was told that he must be

He began to read and after a digression as to his reasons for reading the paper continued:

"I have come to the conclusion that there most masterful nations. First, they remain on their feet and seldom permit their heads or bodies to touch the ground, and second, there is a mysterious current that passes through their feet and bodies from passes through their feet and bodies from
the ground into the head."

Just here Prof. Franz Boaz, who was
présiding, arose and said:
"This paper has not been approved by
the section and cannot be read. The next
speaker has the floor."

Mr. Wren sat down. He said that he
might read his paper some time later.
Before the same section Dr. Maurice

Before the same section Dr. Maurice Fishberg advanced the theory that immi-gration was selective in its character and that the problem would take care of itself. According to him, only the best types, driven from home by fear of military service, come to America, while the weaker types, who would not be impressed, remain at home. After they get here Dr. Fishberg believes that only those well adapted to the climatic and industrial conditions sur-vive. The others return to their native

A paper which aroused comment was read before the American Psychological Association by Prof. John B. Watson. He told of experiments to show that rate have

told of experiments to show that rats have a sixth sense.

He took the animals and put them in a covered box from the centre of which a maze led to escape and food. After the rat had l'earned to traverse the path with all of his senses present, Dr. Watson then eliminated them one by one. First he removed the eyes from the rat. Still the animal went through the maze without any difficulty. Then he removed the olfactory nerves and the same thing happened. Thinking the animal had done it possibly by the sense of touch, he froze the feet of the rat, but the rat still went through the maze. Then, to make the test final, he completely covered the head of the rat with collodion, and yet it managed to escape. This, said Dr. Watson, seemed to point to the fact that rats might have a sense which might be called one of direction which may or may not be possessed rection which may or may not be possesse Prof. Henry B. Ward, vice-president of

the section on zoology, read a paper on "The Influence of Parisitism on the Host," "The Influence of Parisitism on the Host," in which he advanced the theory that many diseases are caused by the introduction of the disease germ into the human body through a parasite. Appendicitis, typhoid and perhaps cholera are among the diseases which he mentioned as possibly originating in this way.

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Nearly all the members of the association yesterday visited the College of the City of New York, where luncheon was served and an inspection of the new buildings

Gold Adorned Gavel for Judge Thomas. United States Judge Edward B. Thomas f Brooklyn, who is to take his seat on the Supreme Court bench at the beginning of the year, has been presented with a handsome gold adorned gavel by the four leading Federal officials in Brooklyn, with whom he has been closely associated. The donors were United States District Attorney Youngs, Postmaster Roberts, Collector of Internal Revenue Jordan and United States Marshal Haubert.

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West Twenty-third Street

BROOKLYN TRAVEL HALTED.

Both Tracks on Pulton Street Blocked an Cars Made a Circuit.

Brooklyn suffered from another tieup on both elevated and surface lines between Fulton and Gold streets and Myrtle venue and Court street yesterday morning. This tieup lasted for two hours, and during that time the surface cars were diverted from the regular Fulton street outlet and were compelled to traverse the

let and were compelled to traverse the lines on Rookwell place, Gold street, Willoughby street and Myrtle avenue.

This balk in the running of cars on Fulton street was due to a Union street car jumping the track at the intersection of Fulton and Adams streets and ramming an A brace supporting one of the pillars of the Kings County Elevated railroad, the brace having been put in to strengthen the structure during the excavation for the subway. The car was derailed in such a manner as to block both up and down tracks. This was at 5 o'clock, when traffic was light. It was feared, however, that the elevated structure had been weakened by the A brace being smashed, and as a result traffic of the Kings County Elevated road was discontinued until 7 o'clock, when another A brace had been put up. Even then a flagman was stationed on the L road to warn motormen to go slow and not to permit trains to pass each other at this point. Two hours after the Union street or hed rammed the brace and was this point. Two hours after the Union street oar had rammed the brace and was derailed everything was pronounced all right and traffic was resumed on both

It is said that the Union street car rammed the A brace because the motorman had put on extra speed in order to make the curve while the trolley pole was off the overhead wires, which were then, as it happened, being repaired.

DEAD ON HIS WIFE'S GRAVE.

John T. McClelland's Whole Life Changed When She Died Two Years Age. John T. McClelland, a retired engineer 52 years old, was found lying dead on his wife's grave in Greenwood Cemetery yesterday morning. He had committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. A revolver was found a few feet away. John H. McClelland, a real estate dealer with offices in the Temple Bar Building, identified the oody as that of his father.

McClelland had been employed by the New York Dock Company for thirty-five years as an engineer, and was thought very highly of by his employers. He made considerable money. Two years ago his

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duction to which even the best newspaper cut could not do justice. The important fact is that in this store you are certain to find one but Furniture of enduring excellence; certain also of lowest sistent with the character of the Furniture.



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wife died and his whole manner of living became changed. He went to live at the Commercial Hotel at 254 Fulton street. Brooklyn, and about six months ago he

Brooklyn, and about six motivative from business.

Shortly after his retirement he began to drink to excess and became very moody and despondent. He spent all his money and at the time of his death had hardly anything. On the night of his suicide Motivary thing. On the night of his suicide Mc-Clelland talked more than usual of his wife to his old cronies in the hotel, and seemed tried of life. After drinking more than ever before, probably to merve himself for his act of self-destruction, he went out

NEW YORK PALLED ON THEM Two Runaways From Worcester Repented

Early-Home Again. Daniel Delpriori, 13 years old, of 96 Beacon street, and Stephen Dhobfail, 14 years old, of 95 Beacon street, Worcester, Mass. took a train on Friday for this city in search of adventure. After they got here the glamour of life left them. As they tridged hopelessly along Forty-second street Danny

"Who's afraid, Steve?"

"I be, and I don't care who knows it,"
answered the other with shocking suddenness.

denness.

This ended the sightseeing expedition for both boys set up a lusty how! A friendly cop from the East Fifty-first street police station took the boys to the station house, where they cried themselves to sleep. Their parents took them home yesterday. The boys seemed pleased.